### A STRONGER EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO RARE DISEASES
THE CASE OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

**Tuesday 26th April**

**10:00-11:30 CET**

**European Parliament, room: 5G305**

**Hosted by MEP Ujhelyi (S&D, Hungary)**

**Chaired by Marc Humbert, ERS President**

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| 10:00 – 10:05 | **Welcome**  
MEP István Ujhelyi (S&D, Hungary)  |
| 10:05 – 10:15 | **Pulmonary hypertension, rare diseases and EU policies**  
Marion Delcroix, Director, Centre of Pulmonary Vascular Diseases, University Hospitals of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium  |
| 10:15 – 10:25 | **The role of the European Commission in the field of health and the EU Health Programme**  
Jose A. Valverde, Policy Officer, Unit B3. European Reference Networks and Digital Health, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety  |
| 10:25 – 10:35 | **Introduction of the Call to Action position paper (patient empowerment)**  
Gergely Meszaros, Project manager, PHA Europe  |
| 10:35 – 10:40 | **Improve screening and raising awareness**  
Laurent Godinas, Assistant Professor, Department of Respiratory Diseases, University Hospitals Leuven, Leuven, Belgium  |
| 10:40 – 10:50 | **Access to treatment**  
Adam Torbicki, Professor, Center for Postgraduate Medical Education, ECZ-Otwock, Poland  |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | **Encourage clinical research and innovation**  
Gabor Kovacs, Assistant Professor, Division of Pulmonology, University Clinic for Internal Medicine, Graz, Austria  |
| 11:00 – 11:05 | **Psychosocial support**  
Eva Otter, President, PHA Europe  |
| 11:05 – 11:25 | **Panel discussion**  |
| 11:25 – 11:30 | **Closing**  
MEP Tomislav Sokol (EPP, Croatia) (TBC)  |